

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Virtual – Teams Meeting

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak-Absent John Thomas Russell Richardson Shayne Bouche Roger Rinker Jennifer Whitmore Eric Eckl Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson Brandon Mark	

Chairman's Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Welcome and Introduction:

Brief discussion of using Teams Meeting.

Announcements:

No announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes tabled to the June meeting

Motion: Lou Huzella.

Second: Eric Eckl.

Vote: 9-0.

Staff Review:

• Crash Report:

- Alyssa asked about the first crash near the school and if there was an investigation going on relating to what caused the crash? Was there a statement taken by the driver? David said he was not sure but could look into it.
- Alyssa also asked where specifically on the block did the accident occur? David responded that according to the GPS coordinates it happened between Morgan Alley and Fairview Avenue.

• Grant Awarded Phase 3 Bypass

- A committee member asked what the reasonable timeline is for construction to begin? David stated that one of the constraints around bicycle planning anywhere in Maryland is simply lack of funding so as long as everything goes as planned this year we will do the feasibility the following year we will get a new grant for some kind of design if it is a full design we would have to wait another year if it is a partial design we would have to wait longer. So basically, this is a 3-4-year process.

- Alyssa asked if David could give them the delineation of the phases? David responded that Phase I would be from the Marc Train to 7th Street, Phase II from 8th Street to the east side of East Street heading north to the coke plant and 800 feet south of Route 26, Phase III is the bridge over that intersection, Phase IV is north from that intersection to the City line.
- Alyssa asked about the Shared Use Path near the Coke Plant and that the developers are responsible for a portion of construction and what is their timeline or is it on hold? David stated he was not sure what the timeline is or if there is one.
- JT asked if at some point there could be update on the East Street design if completed and where they are in the construction que. David responded that the RFP to advertise to get that 100% design and then we do have funding to build the product as well.
- Jenn asked the design funding for the Rock Creek Trail this is just to widen the existing trail that is there, this is not a design for any extension of that trail, correct? David said that was correct.

- **Status of the Carroll Creek North Branch**

- No comments

- **Draft Sidewalk Priority Map**

- No comments

- **Sidewalk Widening and Social Distancing**

- Roger stated since there is less traffic and people want to be out and about and practice social distancing why not close the streets because it is much easier to do at the current moment.
- Alderman Russell stated she understands the thought process, but her question would be what streets and why? What is the downside of closing a street? There is a lot of analysis in deciding that.
- Jenn stated her initial thought was about the businesses that are desperately trying to stay alive she feels that street closures would be a big expense to study that right now.
- Alyssa asked if there has been any conversation between city staff and the Mayor about alternatives to street closures? Alderman Russell responded that the city is taking its lead from the Governor's guidance so anything that would be done would be in conjunction with whatever is done by the state.
- JT stated he has come up with two thoughts for reflection one being does on street parking areas that are not fronting commercial businesses as one potential option and the other is there are a couple alleys that have driveway access that we want to maintain but there could be some type of consideration for some sort of no through traffic local access only just to reduce the volumes on those alleys. He knows there is a cost for cones and signs but if this is some situation where we are dragged out month over month where we get to the point of no light at the end of the tunnel he feels those are two spots potentially we could think about adding some space.

- **Downtown Mobility Fee**

- Alyssa stated she had a meeting and was asked to get some input on different potential locations for mobility fee districts within the city. She was able to share some thoughts but if we can add any positive input to the process that would be good.
- Shayne asked how this strategy has been used in other urban like city like ours and see how they have done it.
- Alderman Russell asked what the timeline for this is when we would actually be discussing it. David said he would follow up on that with Cherian.

Committee Member Announcements or Comments:

- Shayne stated that he had a meeting with the High Wheel planning team about the High Wheel and being able to host a race. It was decided with everything being up in the air at the moment not to host a race this year.
- JT asked if David could reach out to engineering and ask them if it would be feasible for any of the pedestrian signals that have buttons to switch those automatic recalls that could be something the city could consider as a low cost improvement and since Bike to Work day is not on for next week our partner WABA is promoting a Bike Anywhere Week with appropriate social distancing it will be something fun for people to do. If you go to WABA.org you will see the information on their site.
- Jenn stated the Marien had a question about the signal on Rosemont at the last meeting and asked David if that was looked into for her. David responded yes but the problem is that the state will not install lights on ramps like that.
- Alderman Russell thanked everyone for their patience and their service they provide the City of Frederick.
- JT stated that if this continues we could consider doing a count day given the situation he guarantees there are bigger numbers.
- Roger said he has been seeing a lot of people riding the wrong way on Market Street and on sidewalks, making U-Turns and he wishes there was some way to address those who are doing it for safety reasons.

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Lou Huzella.

Second: John Thomas.

Vote: 9-0.

Adjourned approximately 7:48 P.M.